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CHICAGO POLICE UNION HIRES OFFICER WHO KILLED BLACK TEEN

In the Chicago police union has hired as a janitor the white officer charged with fatally shooting a black teenager in 2014 as a way of helping him financially, local media reported Thursday. Jason Van Dyke was charged with first-degree murder last November, more than a year after he shot Laquan McDonald 16 times. The October 2014 shooting was captured on patrol-car dashboard camera videos that were released the day Van Dyke was charged, prompting weeks of protests. Dean Angelo, president of the Fraternal Order of Police, Chicago Lodge 7, told local media Van Dyke was hired about three weeks ago.

REUTERS



PENTAGON TO SEND SOME GUANTANAMO INMATES TO OTHER COUNTRIES

2 The Pentagon plans to transfer about a dozen inmates of the Guantanamo military prison to at least two countries that have agreed to take them, a U.S. official said Wednesday, the latest move in President Barack Obama's final push to close the facility. The first of the transfers is expected in the next few days and the others will take place in coming weeks, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity. Among them will be Tariq Ba Odah, a Yemeni man who has been on a long-term hunger strike and has lost about half his body weight. There are now 91 prisoners at the U.S. naval base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Most have been held without charge or trial for more than a decade, drawing international condemnation. **REUTERS**

FBI TEAMS HELPING BELGIUM INVESTIGATE RECENT ATTACKS

3 The United States has sent FBI teams to help Belgian authorities investigate the March 22 attacks that killed 35 people, including several Americans, and U.S. and Belgian officials will discuss the cooperation this week, the White House said Thursday. "Belgium has accepted our assistance. We have FBI teams on the ground assisting with the investigation. We are sharing information and intelligence with Belgium as it relates to terrorist threats," White House Deputy National Security Adviser Ben Rhodes told reporters. Rhodes said the Belgian interior minister was expected to discuss the security cooperation with Attorney General Loretta Lynch during the Nuclear Security Summit in Washington this week. **REUTERS**

Renovations are almost finished on John Bartram's home in Bartram's Garden. **CHARLES MOSTOLLER**

Bartram's Garden to reopen for spring after renovations

More work is on the way for the historic farm, garden and park in Southwest Philly.

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Bartram's Garden, the oldest botanic garden in North America, is reopening Friday after completing renovations to its historic home and adding a new garden.

The historic Bartram house, the 18th-century home of famed Philly naturalist John Bartram, now boasts a brand new cedar roof and a geothermal heating system, among other interior touches, said Pete Prown, marketing director for Bartram's Garden.

"It's going to keep the house in great shape for decades to come," Prown said. "All the houses now have museum-quality heating and cooling. The new cedar roof looks beautiful."

The popular spot for naturalists, dog walkers, joggers and the curi-



"It's a 45-acre oasis in Southwest Philly." **Prown**

ous is nestled in Southwest Philly against the Schuylkill River off of 54th Street and Lindbergh Boulevard. Visitors can kayak free from Bartram's Garden, part of the organization's mission of connecting the populace to the Schuylkill River.

"We're one of the few places that will definitely get you out on the water," Prown said.

Prown predicted the Garden will see even more visitors as work continues

on Bartram's Mile, a trail along the Schuylkill that will connect from the north end of the Garden down to 56th Street.

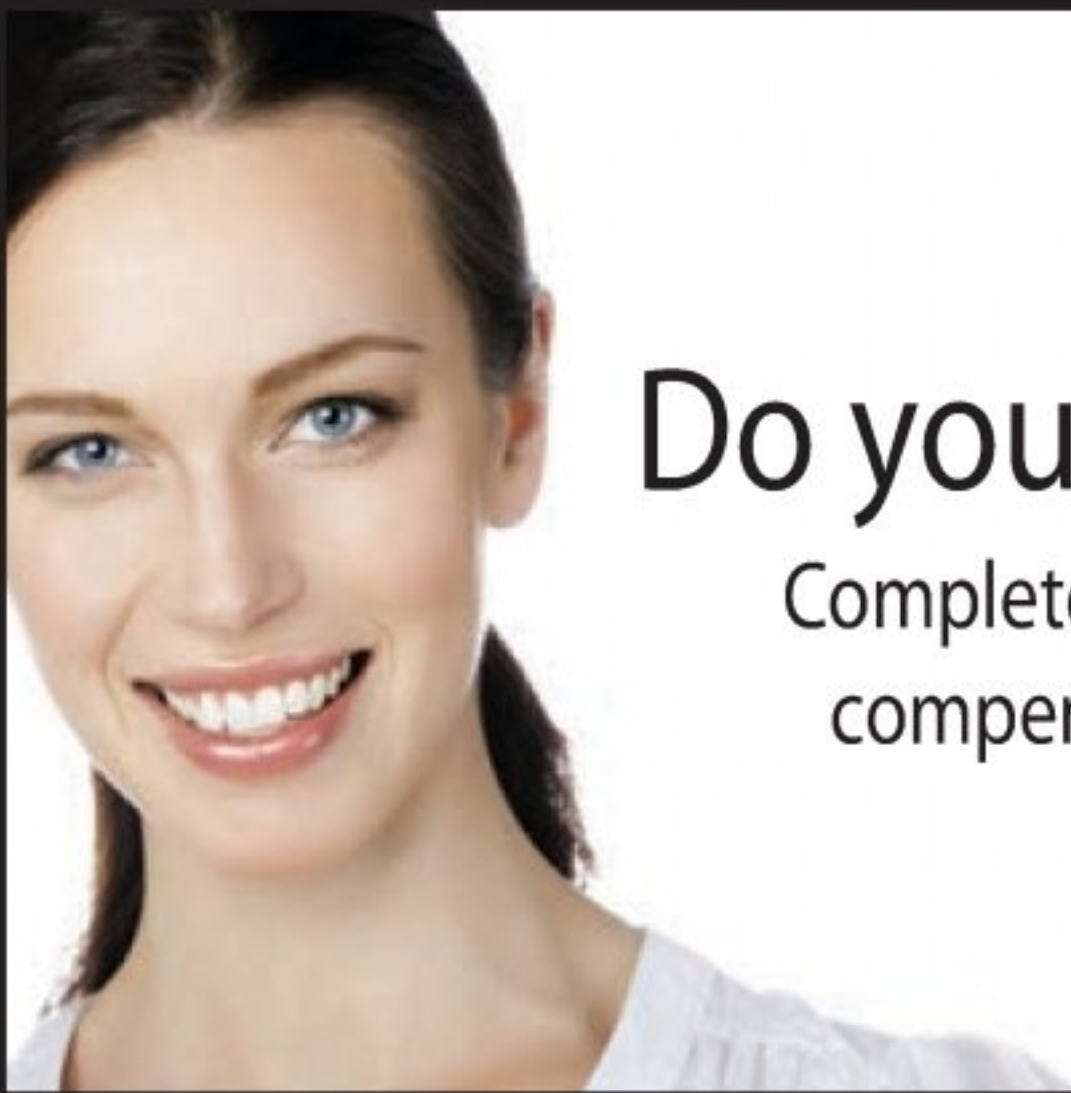
"It's a 45-acre oasis in Southwest Philly," Prown said. "Once Bartram's mile is complete, I think a lot of people in Center City and the rest of Philly will discover this 300-year-old farm."

This summer will also see the opening of the Ann Bartram Carr Garden, named after John

Bartram's granddaughter, who took over the nursery and kept it going in the early 19th century. She brought Asian plants from new trade routes to the nursery, so the garden named in her honor will be populated with Asian plants, Prown said.

Work on the Bartram's Mile trail is forecast to take another year.

Funding for the renovations and work on the land came from the city's Parks and Recreation Department, the William Penn Foundation, and the PA Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program.



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Christopher Haas, Villanova professor, arrested for child porn possession: cops

Christopher Haas, 60, was investigated for similar crimes in 2012, though the university was not notified.



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A Villanova history instructor is under arrest after investigators said they found 415 images of child pornography on his

personal computer.

Christopher Haas, 60, was an associate professor of history and classical studies at the university.

"It's sad," Radnor Township Police Lt. Andrew J. Block told reporters Thursday.

"It's disappointing that someone in the educational field would be doing this," he said.

David Tedjeske, Villanova's public safety director, said Haas was relieved of his teaching duties, and university would

"It's sad."

Block

likely initiate a detainer process against the professor.

Haas was also caught using a shared computer at Villanova's St. Augustine Center late at night to view child pornography, Tedjeske said.

Haas was investigated for similar crimes in 2012 by the Department of Homeland Security, but the investigation was kept confidential and Villanova was never made aware of Haas' alleged illegal activity.



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Alleged cop killers were on robbery spree: prosecutors

Two brothers charged with the murder of a Philadelphia police officer were formally arraigned Thursday on charges related to a series of armed robberies in the months leading up to the fatal shooting of Sgt. Robert Wilson.

Carlton Hipps, 30, and Ramone Williams, 26, are in custody charged with the murder of Wilson, an eight-year veteran of the force who left behind two grieving young sons. They allegedly killed Wilson a little over a year ago during a botched attempted robbery of a Gamestop at 22nd Street and Lehigh Avenue that resulted in a furious gun battle with police.

Hipps and Williams were arraigned on charges related to armed robberies Nov. 15, 19 and 26; Dec. 9, 17 and 18; and Feb. 19, according to court documents.

All the robberies occurred in the 22nd District, where Wilson was

assigned, the Inquirer reported.

The brothers allegedly entered the Gamestop while Wilson was inside doing a routine security check and to buy a game for his son's birthday March 5, 2015, just after 5 p.m.

After realizing a police officer was inside the store, the two opened fire, fatally wounding Wilson, according to police and prosecutors.

Hipps was apprehended after he tried to flee and was shot outside by Wilson's partner. Williams was arrested hiding in the store, despite claiming to police that he was a customer.

A spokeswoman for the district attorney's office declined to comment on the new charges.

Hipps and Williams are scheduled to face a judge for preliminary hearings on the robbery charges June 23 and 24.

SAM NEWHOUSE

Workers at airport strike for higher wages



Airport workers strike FILE PHOTO

Baggage handlers, wheelchair attendants and others who provide ground services at PHL International walked off the job Wednesday into Thursday.



"We work, we sweat, put \$15 on our check!"

That was the chant echoed to the beat of a drum as members of 32BJ SEIU — the workers who handle luggage, push wheelchairs and carry out other ground service tasks at Philadelphia International Airport — walked off the job in protest for higher wages Thursday.

About 50 of the workers had planned the strike last week, but postponed the work stoppage in light of the deadly terror attack on Brussels.

Some started their protests as early as Wednesday night, angry that their employers — sub-contracted service providers PrimeFlight Aviation Services and McGinn Security — pay some employees less than the new city-mandated minimum wage of \$12. Even those who make the minimum wage are unhappy with their paychecks.

One such worker, Kehliil Brown, a baggage handler who said he

makes \$12 an hour, said he is concerned about health hazards on the job.

"We get a lot of carbon-monoxide fumes from the tugs that pull the bags in. Sometimes they leave them on and the fumes just run," said Brown. "There was a sewage smell, but it's pretty much fixed. I'd like to have more job security, sick days, be able to take off without feeling like I'll lose my job."

When Brown complains about the issue to his boss, he claims he gets no response.

State Rep. Jason Dawkins was at Thursday's protest at terminals B and C.

He said the SEIU was the only union that supported him during his first run for office, and therefore, he had to return the love.

"For those individuals who have to [work] day in and day out and not be fairly compensated, I find that to be criminal in this day and age," he said.

"I'm out here supporting them because they supported me. I know a lot of my constituents are here and I want them to know that they're being fairly represented by their legislator in Harrisburg."

A 32BJ SEIU representative said additional complaints included confusion around sick days, health and safety on the job and hours being cut.

PrimeFlight and McGinn did not immediately return calls seeking comment.

BRIEF

'Angel' stops man from committing suicide at SEPTA station

A man is being hailed as a hero after he prevented another man from committing suicide in a SEPTA station, CBS3 reported.

The incident reportedly happened Wednesday in Center City around 9 a.m. at the Race-Vine station.

The hero, 56-year-old Calvin Wilson, told CBS3 he saw a woman arguing with her husband as she tried to stop him

from jumping onto the tracks.

"And then all of a sudden, she really let out a real scream, 'Help me. I need help. He's trying to kill himself,'" Wilson said. He then jumped into action while other passengers pressed emergency response buttons to notify the police.

"That's when I grabbed him, and I just took one good breath," Wilson told 6ABC. "I took one good breath and said, 'This is it, and I just threw my weight.'"



Surveillance of the rescue ABC 6

Once Wilson pulled the man to safety, SEPTA police arrived and took control of the situation, CBS3 reported.

"An angel dropped down on Race-Vine station today," SEPTA Police Chief Thomas Nestel told CBS3. MATTHEW LEE

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A taxi driver protests app services UberX and Lyft. CHARLES MOSTOLLER

CAB DRIVERS WANT TO BOYCOTT DNC — AND NOBODY CARES

The war has finally reared its ugly head.

Earlier this week, The Philadelphia Limousine Association and major taxi organizations, the Philadelphia Cab Association and Philadelphia Taxi Association, claimed their members voted to boycott the Democratic National Convention in July as a way to call out the "illegal and unsafe" competing services UberX and Lyft.

This mob of roughly 3,000 drivers resent these car services because they're exempt from parking authority licensing requirements since they're using a driver's personal car. Taxi drivers, on the other hand, must pay yearly for operating licenses through the Philadelphia Parking Authority and face heavy regulations intact with large insurance policies.

But I don't care about any of that, and neither does the rest of Philadelphia.

Consumers want cheap prices, efficiency and respect. It's clear that Philly cab services lack all of these traits — which is why UberX and Lyft are demolishing their jobs.

I don't have to tell you how many times I've been rejected from

THE ERNEST OPINION



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receiving a cab ride as a young black man in this city. I also can't recount how many times I was told in the few taxis I got lucky to ride in that cash was the only form of payment. And let's not ignore the frustrating negotiations cab riders have to make prior to knowing whether or not they can be picked up based on distance.

The war that taxi associations are waging is already one that is lost. Mayor Kenney has already told the media that he doubts they will turn down the potential monetary gains they can make from the DNC. By law, the mayor does not have any legislative authority in regulating this issue in the first place. In other words, he's calling their bluff — and so am I.

Truth be told, everyone uses UberX and Lyft (including elected officials), hence why there isn't a bold push to be tough on them in the city.

It's laughable that this far in the game such

cab groups are trying to protest a huge event that would actually pay out favorably for them. Protesting the DNC wouldn't change the dynamics of visitors' transportation because they will just ride their competition instead.

"We'll be encouraging Philadelphians to drive for Lyft during the convention so they can take advantage of the increased earnings that accompany big events like the Democratic National Convention, and to help ensure the thousands of attendees have enough safe ride options," Lyft spokeswoman Chelsea Wilson said a statement.

And that my friends is why nobody cares what cab drivers do on the days of July 25 to 28. It's become clear that such coalitions of drivers are more invested in their own egos rather than consumers. Instead of coming up with cheaper and more effective ways of appealing to us, they'd rather whine about their competition. How about finding a better solution to the problem?

We get it, UberX and Lyft are technically illegal ... but they are currently better. Improve or continue to lose. Enough with the stunts.

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Jon Heinz Wildlife Refuge gets \$1M

Elected officials and nature lovers alike gathered Thursday to announce annual investment of \$1 million.



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The John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge at Tinicum, the country's only urban wildlife refuge, will soon expand due to a hefty federal investment.

The annually renewed \$1 million investment from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will boost community engagement and public access through a variety of means, officials announced Thursday, making it easier for visitors to observe nesting bald eagles, osprey, white-tailed deer and more.

Mayor Jim Kenney, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services Director Dan Ashe, Con-



A couple enjoys a windy stroll in the John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge. CHARLES MOSTOLLER

gressmen Bob Brady and Patrick Meehan came out for Thursday's announcement, which featured an American bald eagle demonstration and showcasing of a replica of her nest.

Lamar Gore, the refuge manager, said the \$1 million a year will translate into additional staff, programming and

community outreach at the refuge. He said it's able to hire high school kids throughout the year to work on restoration projects, but still has a long way to go.

"We'll be able to break down transportation barriers and cultural barriers. One of the barriers is — do we

have enough bus routes getting into the refuge or bike trails getting into the refuge? The bike routes are amazing, and lot of people bike in Philadelphia, and we're trying to get some bike-share stations in Southwest Philly, and we're willing to figure out a way to pay for them and

put them in some locations down here," he said.

Kenney tipped his hat to his predecessor, Michael Nutter, who blazed the trail for expanding the city's parks system. He vowed he'd carry that torch.

"These efforts bring back that spirit of balance to all of us because all of our kids and young people who live in neighborhoods who have seen more violence and more sheet-covered bodies than some soldiers see in a lifetime of war — they need this place," Kenney said.

"They need this place to become peaceful, to be less stressed, to learn what nature's really about. And it's not about violence and difficul-



ties; it's about peace and humanity and calmness."

"With that \$1 million, hopefully we'll be able to have some volunteers ... get some more employment, put some people to work and also be able to enjoy this great place," said Brady.

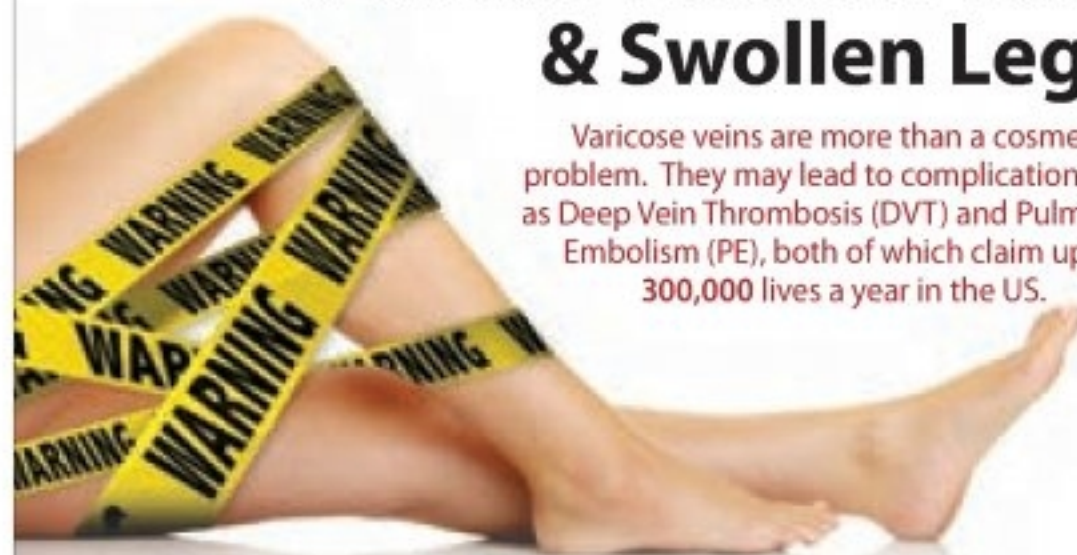
"This place is a jewel. It puts kids out here in this great outdoors where they need to be instead of stuck inside watching the TV or playing with the video games."

Meehan had the crowd roaring with laughter when he made a quip about the Eagles, but not before recognizing the nation's Fish and Wildlife director coming all the way to Philadelphia for the announcement.

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RACE FOR THE WHITE HOUSE



Trump meets with RNC after dumping his loyalty pledge

On Tuesday, Trump backed away from a loyalty pledge he signed in September promising to support the party's eventual nominee and not to run an independent campaign for the White House.

Republican presidential front-runner Donald Trump made a surprise closed-door visit to the Republican National Committee on Thursday after a tumultuous two days that featured a reversal of his pledge to support the party's nominee.

Trump, who also has struggled to contain the



Donald Trump GETTY IMAGES

fallout from his comments Wednesday in support of punishing women for having abortions, tweeted afterward that he had a "nice meeting" with RNC Chairman Reince Priebus but divulged no details.

"Looking forward to bringing the party together," he said. "And it will happen!"

Trump's relationship with the RNC has been contentious at times, and he recently complained the party was not treating him fairly as it made preparations for a possible contested convention in July in Cleveland.

The RNC pledge has unraveled as Trump's remaining rivals, U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas and Ohio Gov. John Kasich, also indicated they were unlikely to observe the pledge if Trump was the nominee.

Barry Bennett, an adviser to the Trump campaign, said Thursday's visit was about Trump helping the RNC raise

money.

"The meeting is to help the RNC," he said on MSNBC.

The billionaire businessman was in Washington for an announced meeting with members of his newly established foreign policy team. His campaign said it also was setting up a Washington office to run its convention operations and work with the RNC and Congress.

But Trump's campaign also was trying to dig out from under a torrent of criticism about his comment that women should face punishment for getting abortions if the procedure was outlawed, although he quickly reversed his stance. **REUTERS**

A Hillary 'selfie'



Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton takes a selfie with supporters after speaking at the State University of New York at Purchase on Thursday. Clinton gave a speech to students and supporters that covered a host of domestic and international issues. New York will hold its primaries April 19. **GETTY IMAGES**

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BRIEF

Suspected gunman, state trooper dead in Virginia shooting: media

A Virginia state trooper and a suspected gunman died in a shooting at a Richmond bus station Thursday, local media reported, citing police sources.

About six people including the trooper and gunman were injured in the attack, which took place around 2:45 p.m. EDT as state police were conducting a training exercise at the bus station, near a baseball stadium, local media reported.

Virginia State Police spokeswoman Corinne Geller said she did not know the nature or severity of the injuries to the troopers or to a wounded civilian woman.

A spokesman for VCU Medical Center in Richmond said the hospital was expecting patients from the shooting, but declined to release further information.

Michael Bickett, who said he works directly across the street from the loading area from the buses said in a direct Twitter message: "A co-worker was eating lunch in his car when he saw Greyhound workers and customers rushing out the side door. He figured that was a good time to get back inside."

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Immigration minister: Canada to take in 10,000 more Syrian refugees



Syrian refugees arriving in Toronto. GETTY IMAGES

McCallum told the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. he was responding to complaints from Canadian groups who want to sponsor Syrian refugees but did not have their applications processed quickly enough to be among the government's initial target of 25,000.

Canada will take in an additional 10,000 Syrian refugees, adding to the more than 25,000 already received in the last few months, Immigration Minister John McCallum said Thursday in Germany, where an influx of refugees has sparked a backlash.

"We are doing every-

thing we can to accommodate the very welcomed desire on the part of Canadians to sponsor refugees," McCallum said in a phone interview with CBC News from Berlin, where he is meeting with the German interior minister.

The Liberal government won election in October 2015 pledging to bring in more Syrian refugees more quickly than the previous Conservative government. Private groups including church, family and community organizations had lined up to sponsor Syrian families.

The welcome contrasts sharply to Europe, where resettlement has sparked an anti-migrant backlash amid security fears.

While there have been some delays finding permanent housing for refugees arriving in Can-

ada, particularly in large cities like Toronto, where the housing market is tight, the resettlement program has been mostly smooth.

A poll released last month showed Canadians were divided over whether to accept more Syrian refugees.

A total of 26,200 Syrian refugees had arrived in Canada as of March 28, according to the Immigration Department. But nearly 16,000 more applications are in process or have been finalized, even though the refugees have not yet arrived, according to official figures.

McCallum said he has instructed bureaucrats to extend the deadline for submitting sponsorship applications to Thursday from the initial March 1 deadline, which should allow the department to process the backlog.

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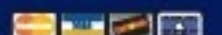
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FBI's method of unlocking iPhone may never reach Apple

Under the U.S. vulnerabilities equities process, the government is supposed to err in favor of disclosing security issues so companies can devise fixes to protect data.

The FBI may be allowed to withhold information about how it broke into an iPhone belonging to a gunman in the December San Bernardino shootings, despite a U.S. government policy of disclosing technology security flaws discovered by federal agencies.

Apple Inc. has said it would like the government to share how it cracked the iPhone security protections. But the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which has been frustrated by its inability

to access data on encrypted phones belonging to criminal suspects, might prefer to keep secret the technique it used to gain access to gunman Syed Farook's phone.

The referee is likely to be a White House group formed during the Obama administration to review computer security flaws discovered by federal agencies and decide whether they should be disclosed.

Experts said government policy on such reviews was not clear-cut, so it was hard to predict whether a review would be required. "There are no hard and fast rules," said White House cybersecurity coordinator Michael Daniel, in a 2014 blog post about the process.

If a review is conducted, many security researchers expect that the White House group will not require the FBI to



Apple said it would like the government to provide information about the technique used. GETTY IMAGES

disclose the vulnerability it exploited.

Some experts said the FBI might be able to avoid a review entirely if, for instance, it got past the phone's encryption using a contractor's proprietary technology.

Explaining the policy in 2014, the Office of the Director of National Security said the government should disclose vulnerabilities "unless there is a clear national security or law enforcement need."

The interagency review process also considers whether others are likely to find the vulnerability. It tends to focus on flaws in major networks and software, rather than individual devices.

During a press call, a senior Justice Department official declined to disclose whether the method used on Farook's phone would work on other phones or would be shared with state and local law enforcement. REUTERS

Collapse of overpass in India kills 14; scores feared trapped

An overpass under construction in the bustling Indian city of Kolkata collapsed Thursday onto vehicles and street vendors below, killing at least 14 people with more than 100 people feared trapped.

Residents used their bare hands to try to rescue people pinned under a 110-yard length of metal and cement that snapped off at one end and came crashing down in a teeming commercial district near Girish Park.

"The concrete had been laid last night at this part of the bridge," resident Ramesh Kejriwal told Reuters.

"I am lucky as I was planning to go downstairs to have juice. When I was thinking about it, I saw that the bridge had collapsed."

Video footage aired on TV channels showed a street scene with two

auto rickshaws and a crowd of people suddenly obliterated by a mass of falling concrete that narrowly missed cars crawling in a traffic jam.

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, whose center-left party is seeking re-election in the state of West Bengal next month, rushed to the scene.

Banerjee, 61, said those responsible for the disaster would not be spared. Yet she herself faces questions about a construction project that has been plagued by delays and safety fears.

A newspaper reported last November that Banerjee wanted the overpass — already five years overdue — to be completed by February. Project engineers expressed concerns over whether this would be possible. The Telegraph said at the time. REUTERS

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Conservatives push for nearly unthinkable death penalty ban

A former gun-industry lobbyist and budget-hawk Republicans are leading what might seem to be an unlikely hard-right campaign: trying to sway conservatives in places like Utah and Kansas that they should be the first Republican-held states in four decades to ban the death penalty.

The push from the political advocacy group Conservatives Concerned About the Death Penalty and lawmakers in places such as Nebraska would have been unthinkable a few years ago, when it would have been conservative heresy to end capital punishment, a program seen as bedrock issue of the law-and-order policies embraced by the party.

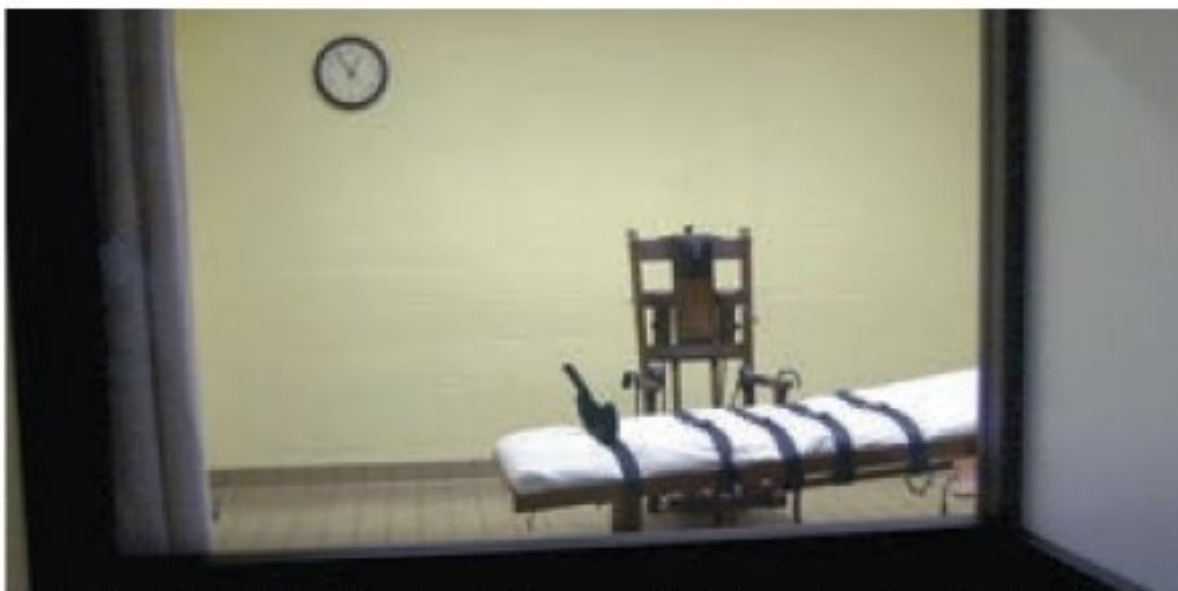
But those leading the campaign say the death penalty is a costly,

inefficient and heavily bureaucratic program that runs counter to their core conservative values of limited government.

"This is not an issue just for bleeding-heart liberals. This is an issue that pragmatic conservatives are getting on board with," said Marc Hyden, a coordinator of Conservatives Concerned about the Death Penalty, a network of political and social conservatives who say capital punishment does not align with their values.

Republican support for the death penalty remains strong, at 76 percent in 2014, but that number is down from 85 percent in 1994, according to Gallup.

The conservative push against the death penalty is in its early phase but has led lawmakers in Nebraska last year to be the first Republican-



The six states that have abolished the death penalty since 2007 are left-leaning Maryland, Connecticut, Illinois, New Mexico, New Jersey and New York. Now, red-state Nebraska lawmakers passed a ban voters must approve. GETTY IMAGES

dominated state in more than 40 years to approve an execution ban. The measure now needs approval from voters in November to take effect. In March, lawmakers in red-state Utah came close to passing a similar ban.

"This is a bipartisan

issue that anyone can get on board with," said Hyden, who served as a campaign field representative for the National Rifle Association.

The death penalty is legal in 31 states. But executions have been on the decline for years, in

part due to court battles and a scramble to secure execution drugs after a sales ban a few years ago imposed by mostly European manufacturers, who said it was immoral for their products to be used to kill inmates.

REUTERS

BRIEF

Uber CEO must face price-fixing lawsuit by passengers, U.S. court rules
Travis Kalanick, the chief executive of Uber Technologies Inc., failed Thursday to win the dismissal of an antitrust lawsuit accusing him of scheming to drive up prices for passengers who use the popular ride-hailing service.

U.S. District Judge Jed Rakoff in Manhattan said Kalanick must face claims he conspired with drivers to ensure they charge prices set by an algorithm in the Uber smartphone app to hail rides, including "surge pricing" during periods of peak demand.

Passengers led by Spencer Meyer of Connecticut claimed drivers conspired with Kalanick to charge fares set by the algorithm, with an understanding that other Uber drivers would do the same, even if they might fare better acting on their own.

Rakoff said the plaintiffs "plausibly alleged a conspiracy" to fix prices in this manner, and could also pursue claims that Kalanick's actions drove out rivals such as Sidecar, enabling Uber to command 80 percent of mobile-app-generated ride shares. REUTERS

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By David Waxman
Seattle Washington:

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"God's Not Dead 2" once again tries to convince audiences there's a big war between nice Christians and mean secularists. **PURE FLUX**

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Better off 'Dead'

Religious movies are in a bad spot right now, and even Melissa Joan Hart can't save them.



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The biggest new movie release this week is, of course, a sequel. But it's not another superhero romp, nor a YA movie, nor even a family film — the three types of movies Hollywood now makes with any regularity. It's "God's Not Dead 2," whose predecessor was a very, very surprise hit two years back. It's the fourth religious movie of the new year alone, and it wasn't screened for critics (natch). But if it's anything like 2014's "God's Not Dead," it's probably terrible and horribly depressing.

At this point there are more Christian-driven movies than at any other time in history — even more than when Hollywood devoted its biggest budgets to religious epics like "The Robe," "The Ten Commandments" and "Ben-Hur."

But so far quantity has trumped quality, and not merely because many are amateurish and lumpy. They tend to depict faith as a paranoid, black-and-white battle between nice



Jennifer Garner in "Miracles from Heaven" COLUMBIA PICTURES

Even the OK ones suck

Even when these films largely refrain from painting believers as victims, they don't have much else going on. "The Young Messiah," the one about a button-cute, ever-smiling 7-year-old J.C. from March, is singularly dull and uneventful. The best of the recent batch, "Risen,"

has a legitimately strong first half: it's the Resurrection story told from the Roman side, and essentially an episode of "CSI" with sandals. But once our cynical soldier hero (Joseph Fiennes) has flip-flopped and joined up with the Apostles, it's a slog en route to a non-ending.

believers and mean secularists, fanning the flames of a culture war that has been so greatly exaggerated that, with the rise of Trump, the imagined has finally become real.

The worst offender is the first "God's Not Dead," which makes sense seeing as it was a \$2 million indie from a tiny evangelical company. Former "Hercules" he-man Kevin Sorbo plays a mean philosophy professor — it's called typecasting, people — who berates

and threatens to destroy the college career of a nice Christian boy who refuses to sign a paper on the first day of class saying God does not exist.

But this fantasy is one of the least of the movie's offenses. Its worldview is of the cruel Old Testament kind, meaning it's driven by a sense of victimization and even dark vengeance. Sorbo's character does not meet a nice end, and among its far too many characters and subplots is a villain-



"Drive Me Crazy" star Melissa Joan Hart is finally in a movie again. Unfortunately it's "God's Not Dead 2." **PURE FLUX**

5 great movies about Christianity

"The Flowers of St. Francis" (1950)

One of the best films by Italian neorealist Roberto Rossellini is this episodic hang with dutiful and charming Franciscan friars, who help the poor and their community and reinforce that religion, at its best, can be a great force for good.

"Ordet" (1955)

Religion has no better filmic artist than Carl Theodor Dreyer, the Danish creator of "The Passion of Joan of Arc" and this gutting exploration of faith. Even a stone-cold

atheist won't be unmoved by an ending where miracles do come true.

"The Gospel According to St. Matthew" (1964)

The best movie about Jesus was made by a gay atheist. Deal. Pier Paolo Pasolini reimagines the Messiah's life as a gritty black-and-white look at him as a social justice warrior for the downtrodden.

"Jesus Christ Superstar" (1973)

We have a soft spot for that strange period when Jesus

became cool with the hippies. Alongside "Godspell" there's Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice's rock opera, which got a kitschy but catchy movie with cinema's best ever Judas, Carl Anderson.

"Of Gods and Men" (2010)

While Republican presidential candidates talk about actually persecuting the world's Muslim population, this French docu-drama gently and optimistically argues for tolerance and understanding — all while telling a true story about monks killed by Islamist extremists.

ous Muslim father and an evil female journalist who questions "Duck Dynasty" bro Willie Robertson about his belief that wives should be submissive to husbands. She's rewarded with a diagnosis of cancer.

The bigger Hollywood religious entries go relatively light, but they often leave some room for persecution. In "Miracles from Heaven," Jennifer Garner prays her face off until her sickly daughter

gets better, she thinks by a divine hand. But just like in the uncannily similar "Heaven is for Real," the climax features her beset-upon by rude monsters who question her claims, and we're only supposed to sympathize with her because they make her sad.

Christianity has been on the (very slight) decline since 2007, while being religiously "unaffiliated" is in vogue. That

may partly explain why some faith-based films tend to act as though what's still the nation's number one religion is under assault. But as in any form of cultural debate, the shrillest tend to be the loudest, and the films' Christians are no different. Everyday Christians, like any group, deserve movies that speak directly to them. Right now they're getting screwed.

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Mike Epps clowns with Mike Tyson

The comedian sings the joys of collaboration on his new "Purge" parody "Meet the Blacks."



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Mike Epps is already something of a comedy icon — just ask him — but he's somehow never had a starring role in his own film. That ends now with "Meet the Blacks," a comedy that spoofs "The Purge" as well as racial and socioeconomic tensions. But Epps isn't too worried about any potential litigation from those "Purge" folks.

Did you check with the people behind "The Purge" to make sure this is OK?

It's just a spoof, you know? We're not using anything from "The Purge." It's just a spoof, so I don't think we're going to have any issues with the filmmakers of "The Purge" being upset.

How was it getting Mike Tyson to play along?

You know,

Mike Tyson is a team player. One thing about Mike Tyson: He loves film, he loves to be funny. It was cool. Mike is a friend of mine, so I think that had a lot to do with it as well. His name was Clown in the movie, so he loved it. He kept flipping his [wig] back like he was a woman and all kinds of s—. It is a new look for him.

In general, how do you go about securing those cameos you have in the film?

Generally, I think as a comedian, as an actor, when we come together and you get a chance to work with all of these different types of comedians, then you really get to see the work. You get to see how colorful it is, and I think that gets people excited. When you tell Charlie Murphy that you've got Mike Tyson in the movie with all these comedians,



Mike Tyson scares Mike Epps in the "Purge" parody "Meet the Blacks." HIDDEN EMPIRE FILM GROUP

he gets excited about that. And the script was good — and it's funny. Nobody's in there taking anything too seriously. So it's really easy work.

You've got jobs coming up playing Richard Pryor in a Pryor movie and starring in the "Uncle Buck" TV show.

Is it daunting taking on real-life people and such established characters?

You know, when I get approached with these things I just do me. There's such a new generation out there that are just so lost in the sauce when it comes to culture and

who our icons were, you just have to entertain them. One thing about it is, I'm Mike Epps, I'm an icon, I'm a legend myself, so I'm always bringing me to the table. So when I bring me to the table, it's like, guess what? People are coming to see me portray something.

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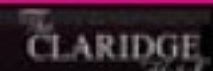
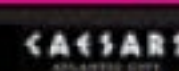
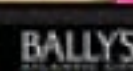
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Jaeden Lieberher ("St. Vincent") plays a boy with mysterious superpowers in "Midnight Special." **BEN ROTHSTEIN**

"Midnight Special"

Director: Jeff Nichols
Stars: Michael Shannon, Kirsten Dunst
Rating: PG-13
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A sci-fi film that's also a drama, "Midnight Special" tells of Jaeden Lieberher's Alton, a boy with mysterious superpowers, ranging from hearing radio signals to firing off blue lasers a la "X-Men's" Cyclops. Pursued by government heavies and religious fanatics alike, his only saviors are his parents (Michael Shannon and Kirsten Dunst), who have hit the road so he can achieve some obscure destiny.

The road trip that follows is very much in the '80s Spielberg vein, particularly

John Carpenter's Spielbergian "Starman." But it's told in the ornery but lyrical voice of director Jeff Nichols, who previously explored family ties and belief in "Take Shelter." Special effects quietly invade its realistic sheen, as the film gently nudges us to read it as a loaded look at how far parents will go for their faith in their child.

Viewers have to put their faith in "Midnight Special," too: It's a film where key bits of intel are parcelled out gradually, including who people are and what they're doing. When all (or, really, most) of the jigsaw pieces are finally in place, "Midnight Special" almost looks small. Or maybe it's just that it's modest, quietly going about its business of making a brainy and haunting renegade popcorn film. **MATT PRIGGE**



At least Englishman Tom Hiddleston does a mean Hank Williams in "I Saw the Light." **SONY PICTURES CLASSICS**

"I Saw the Light"

Director: Marc Abraham
Stars: Tom Hiddleston, Elizabeth Olsen
Rating: R
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The opening of "I Saw the Light" is downright incantatory, as though it was trying to summon the very spirit of its subject, Hank Williams. Tom Hiddleston, as the country music god, stands in the middle of a stage, bathed in heavenly amber light, crooning one of his hits a cappella to a rapt, silent crowd. The camera slowly spins around him, drawing us into the English actor's uncanny vocal impersonation.

Sadly, this is a red herring: Immediately following this overture, "I Saw the Light" set-

ties into the thumb-twiddling groove of a Wikipedia biopic, telling us that this happened, then this happened, then this happened, right until the legend's of course tastefully elided death at 29. Williams struggles to get into the Grand Ole Opry. Then he tries to get out. He has a raucous marriage to Elizabeth Olsen's Audrey, only to shack up with other women. He gets drunk and gets hooked on painkillers. We're supposed to adore him and hate him.

Hiddleston is spot-on, magnetic and repulsive at the same time, and Olsen is a fine foil, challenging him with every tetchy encounter. But the movie is flat and plodding — the very type of film the John C. Reilly-starring parody "Walk Hard" was supposed to have wiped out of existence. **MP**



In "My Golden Days," Lou Roy-Lecollinet and Quentin Dolmaire play pretty young people in (and out of) love. **MAGNOLIA PICTURES**

"My Golden Days"

Director: Arnaud Desplechin
Stars: Quentin Dolmaire, Lou Roy-Lecollinet
Rating: R
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A prequel to a movie you may have never seen (but should), Arnaud Desplechin's "My Golden Days" is a return to the jam-packed duds of the director's "Kings and Queen" and "A Christmas Tale," even as it catches up with characters from his slightly more chill 1996 breakthrough "My Sex Life ... or How I Got Into an Argument." Originally played by Mathieu Amalric and Emmanuelle Devos, on-off couple Paul and Esther are now seen as teens (Quentin Dolmaire and Lou Roy-Lecollinet) in first blush of

love in the late '80s.

Technically, Desplechin indulges in two modern movie headaches: It's a sequel/prequel and it's loaded with lots of stuff, just like "Avengers: Age of Ultron." But few know how to cram with as much elegance as Desplechin. It's a riot of wondrous things: of characters, of comically self-important one-liners, of American hip-hop and New Wave and ska, of left-field movie and music quotes, of dolies and whiplash camerawork and old school iris shots.

The busy-ness also slyly distracts from its true m.o.: By the time Amalric returns as the older Paul, what seemed nostalgic trip down memory lane has curdled into a bitter, jagged little pill. This is charming stuff, but lower your guard and you'll get clawed. **MP**

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In defense of being an 'angry feminist'

My relationship with anger is messy and complicated. It picks me up, gives me a rush, then dumps me in the deepest, darkest place I know — the pit of guilt and shame. It takes work to dig myself out. It sucks some more.

But in the process of all this digging, I've realized how instrumental anger is to being a feminist. When I was younger, I pictured angry, rioting women whenever I heard the word feminist. I was taught to despise this word. I was taught to never be this word. An angry woman was essentially a monster. I didn't want to be a monster. I wanted to be nice. I wanted to be sweet. I wanted to be liked.

You see, that's the problem with this whole "angry woman" thing. We're taught that being anything other than pleasant and delightful goes against who we should be as women. We become villains, labeled as "b—es" and "crazies" that aren't worthy of being heard if we dare to show our anger. But what's so wrong with being angry when injustices are

happening all around us?

When our bodies are treated like objects and are often the subject of political debate. When people are denied the human right of safely using a bathroom that corresponds with their gender.

When men have the "right" to insult a woman, but if she tries to stand up for herself, she's a b—h.

I think most of us can relate to that last sentence. It's frustrating as hell. And it gets even more frustrating if you try to find the male equivalent of "b—h". Are the words son of a b—h and d-bag coming to mind? Well, all of these words stem back to insulting a woman at their core.

It's no coincidence that there isn't a single word in the English language that's derogatory towards men on the same level that "b—h" is towards women. Even our language is outraged and crying for change!

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After a hiatus, Disturbed is back on tour. TRAVIS SHINN

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The metal band is reunited and on tour, but at the end of the day, they're still some dorky dads.

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Coming off a four-year hiatus, heavy metal quartet Disturbed blazed back last year with a new album titled "Immortalized." Lead singer David Draiman told Billboard the break wasn't a breakup, but rather time for the band to compartmentalize their lives. The band regrouped in late June, announcing their return with a series of videos featuring their grim reaper-esque mascot, The Guy, and a new single, "The Vengeful One."

The band is on a world tour, and guitarist Dan Donegan calls in from Texas, where they had shows in Dallas and

Houston.

You're living in different areas of the country now, but were still able to come together to write "Immortalized." How did that work?

Technology is amazing. You can live in different countries if you want to. We've done that over the years and it's been a helpful tool, but you lose that human element. As we started writing [for this album], we realized that we needed to spend more time in a room together. I'd go to Austin to [David's] house or he'd come to mine in Chicago. We didn't put any time frame on it.

What was it like coming back from hiatus?

I'm aging myself, but this will be our 20th year together in August and within the majority of that time we've spent very little time away from each other. Even though there's

a strong bond of brotherhood, it's like having three other roommates for 20 years. It's nice to step away and miss each other a bit, and it's given us the opportunity to return to our families. It's been a tricky balancing act as we get older and we have responsibilities as fathers and husbands and we wanted to see the special milestones in our kids' lives.

What's your situation?

I have two kids, and my daughter's 12 and my son is 8 now. The [hiatus] has given me time to go home, and I was coaching football for a year. I'm not too proud to say we were undefeated and won the Super Bowl that year [laughs], though I was one of eight coaches, so I can't take all the credit. But end of the day, we had that void of not having the stage anymore, and the bottom line was that we missed Disturbed.

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This is our baby, too, and once we got back to it, we realized how much we missed it.

So during this hiatus, when you were what sounds like the ideal suburban dad, did anyone know you had this second life as a metal star?

In my hometown there are quite a few people who know I'm around, but when I'm in the field with my 8-year-old, I'm wearing a different hat. I'm a coach and a dad.

What do your kids think?
My kids keep me grounded. I'm still their dad who embarrasses them.

Through



No mega egos on this stage. CHIARI NOZU/WIREIMAGE

It hasn't even been a year since the release of British alt-rock group Wolf Alice's debut album, "My Love is Cool," and the band has already earned a Grammy nomination for their single "Moaning Lisa Smile." It's just one more achievement among innumerable accolades from the alternative and mainstream tastemakers. We got to chat with drummer Joel Amey about the band's musical sensibilities, group dynamic and rise to international fame.

When I first heard Wolf Alice, I heard one heavier

song, and pegged you as a grunge band. But as I listened more I realized you have a wide range of moods, tones and dynamics. Is that something you aim for, to not repeat yourselves?

Nothing has been very contrived with us. There's no need to have one sonic identity anymore. If anything, that's more limiting. It's whatever's best for the song. We might want the next record to be as heavy as possible, but if we end up writing 12 acoustic lullabies that are stronger and more in tune with where we are at the time,

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With Ellie Rowsell as the lead singer, and the only woman in the band, it might seem like she's the main creative force. But you all contribute to the songs. So I wonder if there's an advantage to that kind of anonymity for you three, because the attention's probably mostly on her.

It's funny, because I know her, and she doesn't think of herself like that. Ellie's the most un-egotistical, modest, down-to-earth superstar I've ever come in contact with. In my

opinion, she's the star, and it's wicked to be in a band with her. But we are all involved. It's the four of us coming together.

You've said that Wolf Alice's big break was a mention on the NME's "Radar" in 2012. People could view that as dumb luck, maybe, but they'd probably be discounting the work that led to it. There is an element of luck involved, but it's 90 percent getting off of your backside and treating it as professional as you want it to be, even if it's not your "professional" profession. The

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this meal as a salad or to make your own sandwich bites. Cook, relax and enjoy!

Cooking time: 30 minutes
Attributes: lactose-free, gluten-free
Calories: 915 kcal/person
Allergens: milk, gluten, mustard, egg
Added fat: 1 tbsp of oil for the salad dressing + ½ cup of oil to fry

What we send

- 8 oz fresh mozzarella
- 5 oz large leaf arugula
- 1 small shallot (1-2 oz)

- 2 Tbsp red wine vinegar (1 oz)
- 1 packet Dijon mustard (0.25 oz)
- 1 packet honey (0.31 oz)
- 1 cup panko (2 oz)
- 1 piece Hot Bread Kitchen Focaccia (4.5 oz)
- 2 oz prosciutto

What you need

- olive oil
- coarse salt
- freshly ground pepper
- 2 large eggs

Equipment

- 2 shallot baking dishes
- large skillet

Directions:

1 Prep ingredients

Preheat oven to 400°F. Slice mozzarella ½-inch thick. Trim ends from arugula and cut in half. Halve, peel and thinly slice shallot.

2 Make dressing

Whisk vinegar, shallot, 1 teaspoon Dijon, 1 teaspoon honey and 1 tablespoon oil in a large bowl; season with salt and pepper.

3 Bread mozzarella

Beat eggs in a shallow baking dish and season with salt and pepper. Place panko in a separate shallow baking dish. Dip mozzarella in egg, turning to coat. Remove from egg, letting excess drip back into bowl, and dredge

in panko, pressing to help adhere. Dip back in egg, turn to coat, and dip back in panko.

4 Fry mozzarella

Heat ½ cup oil in a medium skillet over medium-high. (Drop a few breadcrumbs into oil; it will sizzle when it's hot enough). Add mozzarella and cook, flipping halfway through, until golden brown on both sides, about 6 minutes. Briefly transfer

mozzarella to a paper-towel-lined plate to drain, then transfer to plates.

5 Finish salad

Add arugula to dressing and toss to coat.

6 Plate

Warm focaccia in the oven directly on the rack, about 5 minutes. Serve focaccia with salad, mozzarella and prosciutto. Enjoy!



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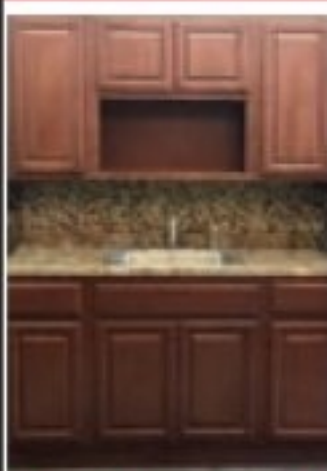
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McParland's first rule is one that shouldn't be foreign to recent college grads and first-time buyers: Do your research.

"The key thing with buying a vehicle, whether you're buying a \$5,000 car, \$50,000 car or above, is to do the research," McParland says. "You want to be armed with information, because the dealerships either aren't going to tell you or sometimes some of them, frankly, just don't know."



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"A salesman just can't be expected to know every single thing about every make and model out there, so the idea is to focus on the stuff that you're interested in, what is going to be a good fit for you. Really do the research to see what that model is all about and what you can expect from it."

That research starts with looking online for specific dealerships and their used-car invento-

ries. But depending on the budget of the buyer, not all cars will be listed online. Shoppers' best bet may be to visit a lot on the weekend, McParland says, but he advises his clients to stay away from "buy-here, pay-here lots" and to stay vigilant.

"When you're buying a preowned car, we have a saying that [salespeople are] guilty until proven innocent, so you want to come in there with a lot of vigilance and suspicion,"

McParland adds. "You can never be too cautious."

When it's time to take a vehicle for a test drive, if a would-be purchaser can bring someone with them to offer support, McParland recommends it.

"You've really got to know what you're doing and bring along somebody you trust," he advises. "If you don't have somebody within your circle that is knowledgeable about cars, the best thing I can tell that person is, that when they find something they think they like, take it to a mechanic — a trusted mechanic — and get it inspected."

The cost of a pre-purchase inspection may seem steep, but that "\$100 investment could really pay dividends" when it comes to getting some perspective on the car's integrity. The mechanic's insight could even help to negotiate the price down, depending on notes he or she can give on the vehicle's wear.

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Final Four: Villanova has a track record for changing results

The 2016 Wildcats have a lot in common with the 1985 National Champions.

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It's become fashionable lately to compare these Villanova Wildcats to the ones which rocked the college hoops world in 1985 by winning it all. Like that Rolie Massimini club which pulled off one upset after another on its way to the crown, this 33-5 Jay Wright team has warmed its way to the city's heart with a team that's become much more than the sum of its parts.

But if these Cats are to truly have a chance to reach the summit, they need to follow that '85 team's lead when they take the court against Oklahoma Saturday night in Houston in the national semifinal. They need to beat a team that has already beaten them.

The difference is, instead of Patrick Ewing and mighty Georgetown, it's Buddy Hield and the explosive Sooners.

In a made-for-TV event set on Pearl Harbor Day, Dec. 7, in Hawaii, Oklahoma ran its record to 6-0 by breaking open a tight game in the second half to rout the previously unbeaten No. 9 Wildcats, 78-55. The Sooners, who shot a blistering 14-for-26, 54 percent from 3-point range, placed five men in double figures led by Isaiah Cousins and Hield with 19 and 18 points respectively. Villanova shot just 32 percent overall, including just 4-for-32, 13 percent, from beyond the arc.

Don't expect that to happen again when they meet nearly four months later on Saturday.

"Oklahoma has obviously gotten better but we have gotten a lot better, too," said Wright, whose club did limit Hield to just 6-for-17 shooting



The Wildcats hope their biggest celebration of the year is still ahead of them. GETTY IMAGES

"We know they're going to score their points and make their shots. We just have to make sure they're tough, contested shots."

Ryan Arcidiacono on Oklahoma's offense

from the floor, 4-for-9 on threes, a performance the coach would probably be thrilled to emulate at the Final Four. "In my mind, I think we had a lot more room to improve than they did. We were an inexperienced team and it really showed. I think we're a much more experienced team now. The good thing about playing them is I think our guys have great respect for them."

Just as Massimini's '85 team respected John Thompson's Hoyas, who beat them 52-50 and 57-50 during the regular season, but certainly weren't intimidated by them, Ryan Arcidiacono, Josh Hart, Daniel Ochefu and the rest won't be intimidated by the 29-7 Sooners. If Nova can shut down a powerhouse like top-seeded Kansas, then why can't they do the same to the Sooners — who lost twice to the Jayhawks?

"In the first game they all played well except for Buddy," said Arcidiacono, who had 10 in that game,

matching Ochefu and Hart for team scoring honors. "Hopefully we can shut them all down, but we know it's going to be tough."

Yet certainly the Cats have a legitimate shot to win, which would send them into Monday's championship game versus the North Carolina-Syracuse winner. While Nova's offense has been the story much of the tournament, their real forte throughout the season has been at the defensive end.

Never was that more evident than their upset of Kansas in the South Region final, holding the Jayhawks to a season's low 59 points while taking leading scorer Perry Ellis (4 points) completely out of the game. Now they'll focus on Hield who's been knocking down shots from Steph Curry range while averaging 29.3 and shooting at a blistering 57 percent clip throughout the tournament.

"We have a certain game plan and a couple

of backups," said Wright, who says he learned from his previous Final Four experience in 2009, "but I thought we had a good game plan the first time. We did a decent job on Hield in the first game, and Cousins killed us. So we know it's going to be more than a basic plan. We aren't going to just do one thing, because those guys are too smart and too good for that."

"We want our guys to come in and be really confident and aggressive at the start."

Sometimes that can backfire, as it did in Hawaii. But most of the time, it's paid dividends for a Villanova squad that thrives on balanced scoring, precision ball movement and depth. As a result they're back in the Final Four for only the second time since Eddie Pinckney, Dwayne McClain, Gary McClain, Harold Pressley and Harold Jensen shocked the hoops world and the Hoyas that night in Lexington.

"They're so special around here and it was such a special run," said Wright, who's had the 81-year-old Massimini, still coaching at Division III Keiser University in Florida, jumping on the bandwagon "This isn't as magical."

At least not yet.

Matchups to watch when Cats face Sooners

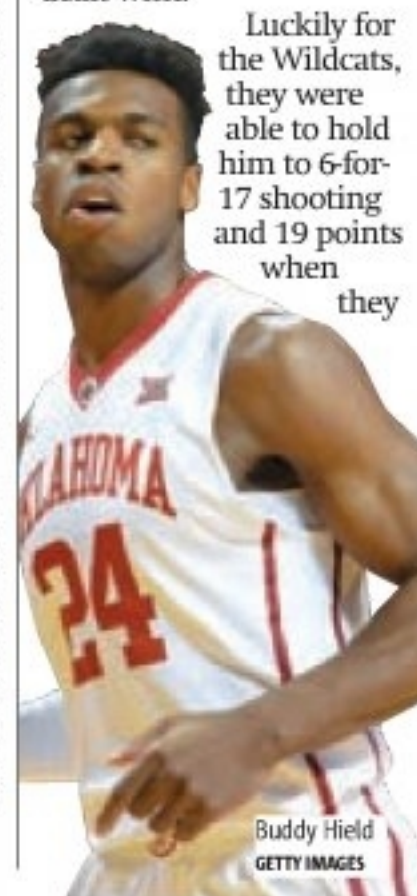
The Villanova Wildcats and Oklahoma Sooners face off Saturday at 6:09 p.m. to determine which squad will advance to Monday's National Championship game.

In a game that means so much, there are a lot of things for the Wildcats to worry about while preparing to compete in Houston for a second title. Unlike their pro counterparts in the NBA, the NCAA's champion is not necessarily the best team in the sport, it's the hottest team. Instead of a seven-game series, Villanova has just 40 minutes to prove they belong in the final two. Here are the three toughest matchups the Wildcats need to prepare for prior to Saturday's tip-off.

1 Stopping Buddy Hield

The Sooners' star guard Buddy Hield has been playing so well this tournament that even the 76ers, slated to (lottery permitting) have the No. 1 pick in June's NBA Draft are considering jumping off the Ben Simmons train. He's averaged more than 29 points per game over four games and could be a thorn in Villanova's side if he is not dealt with.

Luckily for the Wildcats, they were able to hold him to 6-for-17 shooting and 19 points when they



Buddy Hield
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faced Oklahoma in December. A repeat performance against Hield will be one of the Cats' top goals Saturday.

2 Triple threat

The Wildcats defense will focus on Hield. Their offense will be less focused on a single player. Throughout the season and tournament Villanova has had a team-first mentality on offense. There is really no true No. 1 scoring threat and that plays into Nova's hand when they have the ball.

The trio of Josh Hart, Ryan Arcidiacono and Kris Jenkins are all potent 3-point shooters but can also drive to the bucket and find the open man. Villanova's offense has been on fire, boasting one of the most efficient performances in tournament history in their Sweet 16 thumping of Miami. If this offensive confidence carries over it could be lights out for Oklahoma.

3 Hallowed Houston

Teams have not fared well, historically, in the gigantic and cavernous NRG Stadium. With the court placed at the 50-yard line of the usually football-hosting venue, shooting is really tough.

Perhaps it is due to no "shooter's eye" to help with depth perception or just the awkward placement of the court in the middle of a football field, but previous combatants there have been atrocious from the field. Duke, Utah, UCLA and Gonzaga combined to shoot 15-of-67 (22 percent) from 3-point range when the Sweet 16 was held there a few seasons ago.

Villanova shoots more than a third of its field goals from long range. They might need to focus on an inside game to be successful in Houston. EVAN MACY

Phillies in 2016: games, dates, matchups to watch

If you're a baseball fan, be sure to mark down these seven dates on your calendar.



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The Phillies are not going to win too many games. According to Vegas odds-makers, the Phils' total will be over/under 66.5 games. It's a far cry from the 101 they won in 2011.

There will be a steady stream of young, unproven but exciting players churning through the ballpark, but the timeframe for these (Nick Williams, J.P. Crawford, Mark Appel and others) is hard to predict. But there are a few games that will have entertainment value, regardless of which prospects have made The Show:

April 4: Opening day

The Phils travel to Cincinnati to open their season for a three-game set against the Reds and Jeremy Hellickson will look to start the second act of his career on a high note (looking to return to his 2011 Rookie of the Year form).

April 11: Home opener

The Phils host the San Diego Padres to kick off their home slate on a Monday at 3:05. And fans will likely come in droves to watch the fan-favorite starter from last year, Aaron Nola, make his second start of the year.



Maikel Franco will be one of this year's biggest draws for Phils' fans. GETTY IMAGES

June 18: Franco bobblehead night

Maikel Franco could be the next great Phillies slugger, and what better way to line your merchandise collection than with a free Franco bobblehead on June 18 when the Arizona Diamondbacks arrive.

Rollins returns

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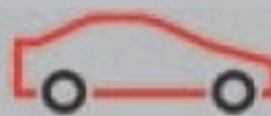
July 1-3: The champs in Philly

The World Series champion Kansas City Royals come to town for a three-game series at the beginning of July that will showcase one of the best teams in baseball. Another series you should try not to miss.

August 16: Chase Utley's return

It will be an emotional day for many Phils' fans when Chase Utley returns to CBP as a member of the Dodgers. This is assuming he can stay healthy, or not get into trouble with MLB for breaking the newly implemented 'Utley rule' for slides into second base.

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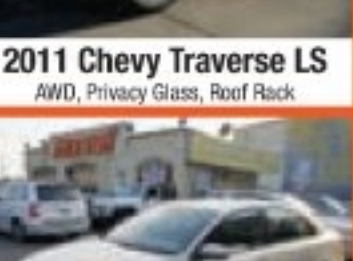


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Consistency the catalyst for Flyers as they inch closer to playoff goal

They've also gotten some spectacularly clutch play from captain Claude Giroux.

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Claude Giroux was mobbed by his teammates behind the net after he scored the game-winning goal with 12 seconds left in overtime in Monday's 3-2 thriller over the Jets.

The captain's marker spared the Flyers the agony of having to go to the dreaded shootout, and even more important allowed them to remain tied with the Red Wings — at the time — for the second wild card berth.

However, the win also



The Flyers' recent back-to-back home victories could be the reason they make the postseason. GETTY IMAGES

extended the Flyers' impressive and under-the-radar streak of not losing back-to-back games to 20. They have not lost consecutive games since falling to the Devils and Rangers on Feb. 13 and 14, respectively, a stretch

that no doubt has played a huge role in reviving their playoff hopes.

They have gone 14-3-3 since those losses six weeks ago.

"We are pretty consistent in the way we play now," Giroux said on

how the team responds after a loss. "When you're consistent in the way you want to play as a team and your identity, you come in every night and do it. I think you are going to give yourself a chance to win

every game."

With their shootout victory on Wednesday against the Capitals, who own the best record in the league, the Flyers are now two points ahead of the Red Wings for the second wild card berth — with a game in hand — and trail the Islanders for the first wild card spot by two points, but New York has a game in hand.

Still, it's not just what they have done on the ice that has helped them to avoid even a mini losing streak the last two months. Their demeanor after a game — win or lose — has been just as meaningful.

"(It's) no highs or lows. We're staying even, and that's the biggest thing," Wayne Simmonds said. "I think early in the year, we weren't

even. We had a lot of peaks and valleys, and now we're kind of just straight-lining and we're playing good hockey."

"We know if we stick with our structure and we work our butts off, we know we will win the majority of the games."

If they continue with that successful approach over the final six games, they will likely find themselves back in the playoffs after missing out last year.

"It's huge," Jake Voracek said of the boost the team has gotten from the two wins this week. "We could have come up with [just] one point the last two games, but we came up with four. At this time of the year this is huge and we're getting closer, but we have to keep going."

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I. The Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) will conduct public hearings in the SEPTA Board Room at SEPTA Headquarters, 1234 Market Street, Mezzanine Level, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107, at 11:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., on Monday, May 2, 2016. The purpose of the hearing is to consider the Authority's proposed Fiscal Year 2017 Capital Budget and Fiscal Years 2017-2026 Capital Program and the projects contained therein for which financial assistance is being sought. The total amount of federal and state funds to be received in Fiscal Year 2017 will be determined at the completion of the federal and state budget processes. SEPTA proposes to submit to its funding agencies a program of projects for funding consideration. SEPTA's final federal Section 5307 Program of Projects will be made available through the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and in conjunction with the DVRPC's Public Involvement Process for the TIP.

II. At the hearings, SEPTA will afford an opportunity for interested persons or agencies to be heard with respect to the social, economic and environmental aspects of the projects. Interested persons may submit orally, or in writing, evidence and recommendations. Speakers for the morning and evening sessions must register by 12:30 P.M. and 5:30 P.M., respectively, on the day of the Public Hearings.

III. Persons wishing to file written comments may forward them to the Director of Capital Budget and Grant Development, 9th Floor, 1234 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107-3780. Comments must be received by May 5, 2016, so that they may be forwarded to the Hearing Examiner. Comments may also be sent via email to capbudget@septa.org.

IV. Individuals in need of a sign language interpreter should contact the Director of the Capital Budget and Grant Development Department, at the address listed above by April 18, 2016.

V. An audio version of the public hearing notice and summary will be available through the Associated Services for the Blind's website at www.asb.org and at the office of the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, 919 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

VI. On or about April 1, 2016, members of the public may obtain a copy of the proposed Capital Budget and Program at SEPTA's website www.septa.org or by requesting, in writing, a copy from the Director of the Capital Budget and Grant Development Department at the address listed above.

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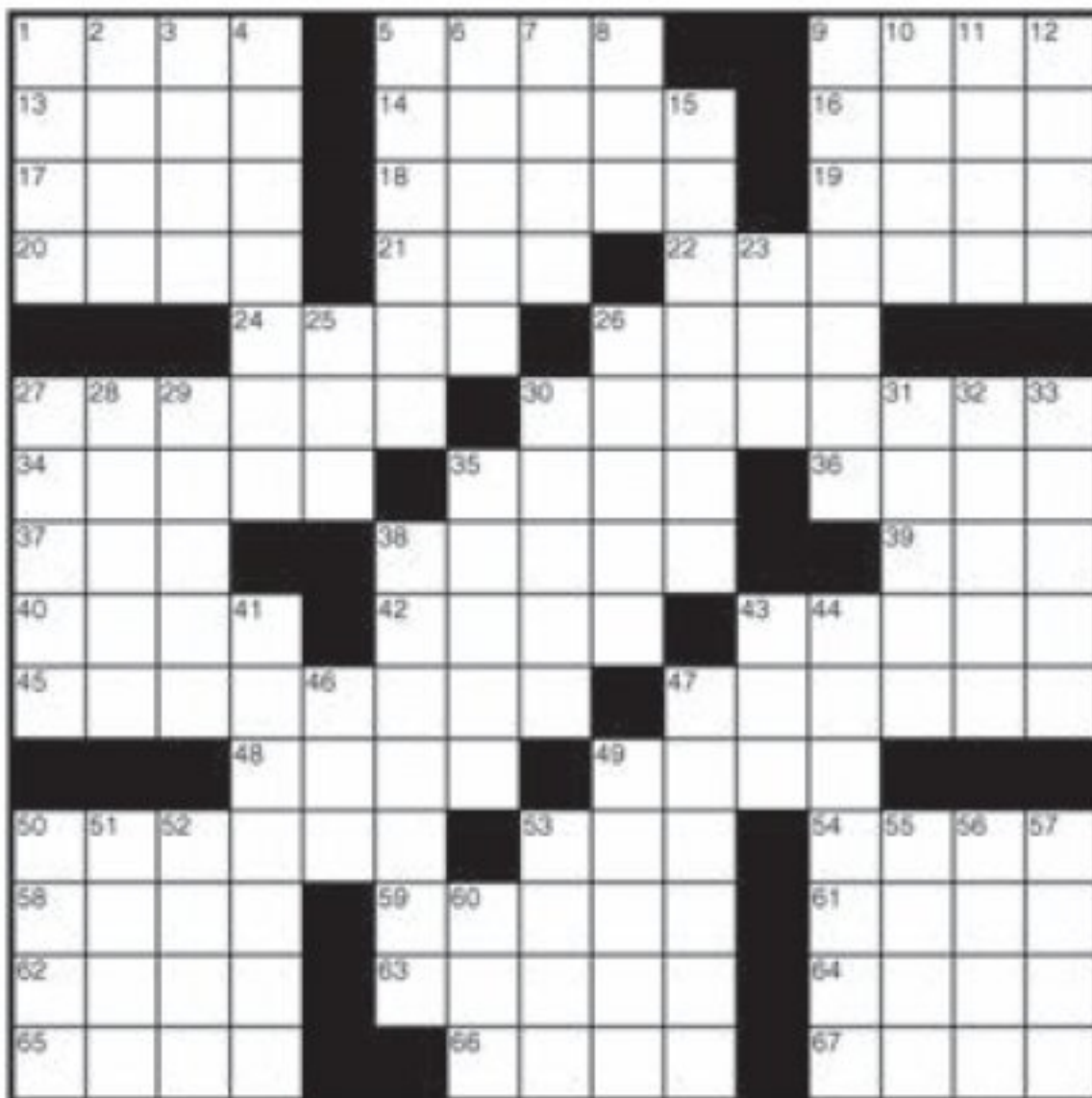
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Aries If someone is being difficult, walk away. It's important to focus on what you can do, not what you are unable to do. Be positive and make changes that encourage personal growth.



Taurus If you embrace a challenge, you will make a lasting impression. Your ability to be diplomatic yet firm will give you the edge and put you in a position of power.



Gemini Keep your life simple and don't complicate matters by getting involved with people who don't share your beliefs, morals or integrity. Focus on personal change, not changing others.



Cancer Share your feelings and be willing to compromise if it will help you get ahead. Love is encouraged, and making a romantic gesture will be well-received.



Leo A carefully thought-out and disciplined approach will be unbeatable. If you take pride in what you do, you will be recognized for your talent and ability to bring about positive change.



Virgo A partnership is favored. Sharing your ideas and plans for the future will help you come to an agreement with someone you want to spend more time with.



Libra Look for alternative ways to put your skills to good use. Don't be daunted by someone's negativity or lack of help. Do your own thing and reap the rewards.



Scorpio You'll have an impact on the people you encounter. The collaboration that unfolds will become a valuable venture. A romantic development will make your day.



Sagittarius Don't take the blame for someone else's mistake. Protect your reputation by being precise and honest. Don't be tempted by a lofty scheme. A physical risk will result in injury.



Capricorn Make a financial change that ensures the absolute privacy of your personal affairs. One of your ideas will lead to a window of opportunity. Romance is encouraged.



Aquarius Strive to be your best. Personal growth will unfold if you read a self-help book or engage in something that updates your awareness or improves your look or appeal.



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